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REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN, TREASURER,

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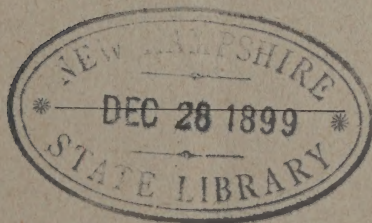
Superintending School Committee,

OF THE

TOWN OF KINGSTON,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

MARCH 1, 1883.



EXETER, N. H.:

THE NEWS-LETTER STEAM JOB PRINT.

1883.

SELECTMENS' REPORT.

OF INVOICE APRIL 1, 1882.

Resident real estate,	\$194,530
Non-resident real estate,	82,627
No. of polls, 302, value of polls,	30,200
No. of horses, 191, value,	9,382
No. of neat stock, 394,	9,130
No. of sheep, 107,	324
No. of hogs, 6,	86
Carriages over \$50,	850
Stock in banks,	17,200
Money at interest or on deposit,	37,019
Stock in trade,	25,140
Mills value,	3,000
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Total Invoice,	\$409,488

TAXES ASSESSED.

State tax,	\$852 00
County tax,	1074 13
Town tax,	1500 00
School tax,	745 50
Percentage,	128 22
Resident highway tax,	631 30
Non-resident highway tax,	187 66
No. of dogs taxed, 67,	67 00
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Total taxes assessed,	\$5185 81

 RATE OF TAXATION.

State, county, town and school taxes, \$1.05 on	\$100 00
Highway taxes, 20 cents on	100 00

SELECTMEN'S REPORT OF THE TOWN OF KINGSTON FOR THE
YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1883.

The Selectmen charge themselves with receiving the sum of four hundred and thirty-five dollars and seventy cents, (\$435.70) the same being paid to the Treasurer, and derived from the following sources :

Received from C. T. Thyng, for use of town hall, 1881,	\$5 00
Samuel W. Stevens, by giving town note,	300 00
the County of Rockingham for as- sistance rendered County paupers for 1882,	94 70
the town of Hampstead for assis- tance rendered Isaac H. Clough,	30 00
C. T. Thing for use of town hall, 1882,	6 00
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	\$435 70

The Selectmen charge themselves by approving the following incidental expenses of the town, for the year ending March 1st, 1883, the same amounting in all to the sum of \$3136 50.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid Isaac W. Silloway, for damages to horse by defect in highway in district No. 8, (in 1881) as per vote of the town,	\$25 00
C. T. Thyng, for washing and cleansing town hall, 1881,	2 00
C. T. Thyng, for services as police one night, 1881,	1 50

Paid Marseilles & Morrill, for printing town reports, 1881,	23 00
George E. Lane, for books and paper,	4 05
Tilton & Fleming, for one set of straps for hearse,	3 25
C. N. Colbath, for one set of coffin rest,	4 50
S. E. Woodman, for making and recording taxes for 1882,	15 00
S. E. Woodman, for return of invoice and enrolling military,	3 00
C. C. Smith, agent G. A. R., decorating soldiers' graves,	35 00
Charles Meek, for burying one horse,	1 50
S. W. Stevens, note and interest,	304 50
G. H. H. Silsby, for one invoice book,	1 00
S. E. Woodman, for return of invoice to County Commissioners, 1882,	4 00
L. G. Hoyt, for insurance on town hall building,	40 00
W. J. Bartlett, note and interest,	111 55
S. E. Woodman, for cash paid for blank check list,	70
M. J. French, car fare to Concord to pay state tax,	3 00
M. J. French, journey to Exeter to pay county tax,	\$1 00
Walter S. Clark, note and interest,	211 50
J. W. Sanborn, for cash paid for blank check list,	2 50
E. A. Horton, cash paid for one book, &c.,	50
T. O. Reynolds, note and interest,	224 00
Walter S. Clark, for 17 trips with hearse,	21 25
C. T. Thyng, for washing and cleansing town hall, 1882,	2 00
John Jones, for burying one horse,	1 00
Dr. T. O. Reynolds, returns, 21 births and deaths,	5 25

Paid S. E. Woodman, cash paid for postage, paper, &c.,	2	50
Walter S. Clark, cash paid for postage, paper, and making returns,		2 00
Sally Wadleigh, for 1 sheep killed by dogs,	3	00
William G. Wilson, for 3 sheep killed by dogs,	9	00
John Jones, damage to 2 cows by dogs,	5	00
J. H. S. Sanborn, cash paid State bounty on 27 crows,		2 70
		<hr/> \$1075 75

SCHOOL MONEY.

Paid Prudential School Committee District No. 1,	\$134	33
“ “ “ “ 2,	245	62
“ “ “ “ 3,	201	66
“ “ “ “ 4,	36	43
“ “ “ “ 5,	119	39
“ “ “ “ 6,	167	39
	<hr/> \$904	82

DERIVED FROM THE FOLLOWING SOURCES.

School tax,	\$745	50
Literary fund,	83	72
Interest on school fund,	75	60
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PARSONAGE MONEY FOR 1882.

Paid Universalist society,	114	70
Congregational society,	84	43
Methodist society,	83	51
Christian Advent,	12	85
First Freewill Baptist society,	10	09
Advent Millennial society,	6	42
	<hr/> \$312	00
Derived from interest on Parsonage fund,	\$312	00

SUPPORT OF TOWN POOR.

Paid Mrs. Moses W. Rogers,	\$7 00
Arthur Burnap, for one load of wood for Joseph Webster,	1 25
Henry French, for assistance rendered Joseph Silloway,	4 50
Bakie Brothers, for assistance rendered Joseph Silloway,	3 08
Bakie Brothers, for assistance rendered Joseph Webster,	44 00
Dr. T. O. Reynolds, for medical attendance for Joseph Webster,	2 25
Dr. T. O. Reynold, for medical attendance for Joseph Silloway,	5 00
Mary F. West, for assistance rendered John Elkin's child from March 28, '82 to March 1, '83,	24 00
Moses J. French, for 2 cords of wood for Joseph Webster,	6 00
J. H. S. Sanborn, for 3 cords of wood for Joseph Webster,	9 25
William Winslow, for assistance rendered Elmer C. Carter to March 1, 1883,	26 00
Total support of town poor,	<hr/> \$132 33
Paid John W. Collins, for assistance rendered Isaac H. Clough for the town of Hampstead,	\$10 00
Dr. T. O. Reynolds, for medical attendance to Isaac H. Clough, for the town of Hampstead,	20 00
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SUPPORT OF COUNTY PAUPERS.

Paid S. E. Woodman, two journeys to Exeter to settle with the County Commissioners,	3 00
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Paid S. E. Woodman, for assistance rendered James McClarin,	13 00
Dr. T. O. Reynolds, for medical attendance to James McClarin,	1 00
S. E. Woodman, for assistance rendered Daniel Brackett.	8 70
Dr. T. O. Reynolds, for medical attendance to Daniel Brackett,	12 00
S. E. Woodman, for assistance rendered William A. Buswell,	2 00
John W. Collins, for assistance rendered Johanna Woodbury, 52 weeks to March 1, 1883,	52 00
Dr. Walter C. Gale, for medical attendance to Peter Bushway, 1881,	6 00
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	\$97 70

SALARIES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Saml. E. Woodman, for services as Selectman,	\$40 00
“ “ “ Overseer of poor,	10 00
Daniel L. Goodwin, “ “	5 00
“ “ services as Selectman,	25 00
John H. S. Sanborn, “ “	25 00
E. A. Horton, for services as S. S. Committee,	25 00
Walter S. Clark, for services as Town Clerk,	25 00
Moses J. French, for services as Town Treasurer,	25 00
B. F. Cram, for collecting taxes, \$4,559 06, at 2 per cent.,	91 18
J. Warren Sanborn, for services as Supervisor, and writing check-lists for 1881-1882,	3 50
Jacob Webster, for services as Supervisor for 1881-1882,	7 00

Paid Ezra Page, for services as Supervisor for 1881-1882,	10 00
C. T. Thyng, for services as police one night,	1 50
C. E. Cilley, " " "	1 50
Auditors for the year 1881,	2 00
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	\$306 68

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid John H. Furber, for labor on highways and care of road scraper,	\$7 00
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DISTRICT No. 1.

Paid non-resident highway money worked,	\$8 73
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DISTRICT No. 1 1-2.

Paid J. Warren Sanborn, Highway Surveyor, for 372 feet bridge plank and cash paid out for covering stones for bridge,	\$5 54
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J. H. S. Sanborn, for breaking roads, spring 1882,	1 75
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Non-resident highway money worked,	2 26
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\$9 49

DISTRICT No. 2.

Paid John P. Davis, Highway Surveyor, for labor on highways,	\$3 06
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DISTRICT No. 3.

Paid Benjamin F. Cram, Highway Surveyor, for labor on highways,	\$3 35
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B. F. Cram, for repairs on bridge,	4 06
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Non-resident highway money worked,	4 80
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\$12 21

DISTRICT No. 4.

Paid Daniel C. Bean, Highway Surveyor, for labor on highways,	\$4 58
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Daniel C. Bean, cash paid out for posts and rails and labor on bridge,	3 10
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Non-resident highway money worked,	19 71
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\$27 39

DISTRICT No. 5.

Paid C. E. Cilley, Highway Surveyor, for labor on highways,	\$12 90
Moses Tucker, for covering stones for bridge,	2 00
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	\$14 90

DISTRICT No. 6.

Paid John B. French, Highway Surveyor, for labor on highways,	\$30 95
John B. French, cash pair for 372 feet of bridge timber,	4 05
John B. French, for cash paid for bridge timber,	1 60
Non-resident highway money worked,	1 50
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	\$38 10

DISTRICT No. 7.

Paid Edward L. Cheney, Highway Surveyor, for labor on highways,	\$26 45
E. L. Cheney, cash paid for 266 feet bridge timber,	3 99
Charles C. Carter, for 1000 feet of bridge plank,	15 00
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	\$45 44

DISTRICT No. 8.

Paid Walter S. Bartlett, Highway Surveyor, for labor on highways,	\$67 80
Walter S. Bartlett, for repairs on bridge and highways,	9 65
John Jones, for breaking roads, spring 1882,	1 60
L. B. Quimby, for breaking roads spring 1882,	2 62
non-resident highway money worked,	7 20
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	\$88 87

Total for highways and bridges and breaking roads,	\$255 19
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ABATEMENTS FOR 1881.

Paid Charles F. Judkins, poll tax,	\$1 61
Stephen Frye, poll tax,	1 25
James M. St. Clair, poll tax,	1 25
George W. Thompson, poll tax,	1 25
Rowe and Bakie, over taxed on lumber,	65
L. D. Peaslee, one horse died,	1 00
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	\$7 01

ABATEMENTS FOR 1882.

Paid Daniel W. Garland, poll tax, by mistake,	\$1 05
John L. Staples, poll tax,	1 05
Everett W. Silloway, poll tax, by mistake,	1 05
Edmund R. Frost, tax in full,	1 36
John H. Gannon, tax in full,	1 26
M. Dunn, \$1.50 for one-half of watering trough,	1 50
E. C. Carter, \$1.50 for one-half of watering trough,	1 50
Peter S. Fifield, on one cow died,	25
Sanford Whipple, on 1 dog,	1 00
Edmund R. Frost, on 1 dog,	1 00
John L. Staples, on 1 dog,	1 00
Obediah S. Collins, on 1 dog,	1 00
Moses Tucker, on 1 female dog,	2 00
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	\$15 02

The whole expenses of the town for the year as approved by us the Selectmen :

SAM'L E. WOODMAN,	} Selectmen of Kingston.
DANIEL L. GOODWIN,	
JOHN H. S. SANBORN,	

TREASURER'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1883.

The Treasurer charges himself by receiving from all sources the sum of \$5,689 52.

By cash received from the Selectmen,	\$435 70
" Town Treasurer of 1881,	212 46
" State Treasurer, railroad tax,	165 90
" " Savings bank tax,	207 68
" " Literary fund,	83 72
" B. F. Cram, Collector for 1881,	163 00
" " " " 1882,	4,411 06
" " Interest on taxes,	5 50
from Town Clerk, license for billiard table,	4 50
	\$5,689 52

The Treasurer discharges himself as follows, viz :

Paid State tax,	\$852 00
County tax,	1,074 13
	\$1926 13

Incidental expenses of the town, as approved and ordered to be paid by the Selectmen for the year ending March 1, 1883,

	1075 75
for schools,	904 82
parsonage money,	312 00
for support of the poor,	260 03
town officers,	306 68
for highways and bridges,	255 19
abatements for 1881,	7 01
" " 1882,	15 02
	\$3136 50

MONEY DERIVED FROM DOG TAX.

Dog tax remaining in Treasury, 1881,	\$77 00
Taxes on sixty-seven dogs, 1882,	67 00
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	\$144 00
Paid abatements on six dogs,	\$6 00
for 4 sheep killed,	12 00
for 2 cows damaged,	5 00
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	23 00
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Dog tax remaining in Treasury,	\$121 00

RECAPITULATION.

The amount the Treasurer has received,	\$5,689 52
“ “ has paid out,	5,062 63
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Remaining in the hands of Treasurer,	\$626 89

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN MARCH 1, 1883.

Due from the town on parsonage fund,	\$5,200 00
School fund,	1,260 00
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	\$6,460 00

RESOURCES OF THE TOWN MARCH 1, 1883.

Due from B. F. Cram, on collector bond	
for 1882,	\$148 00
from John W. Prescott, for grass,	13 25
on Government bounties,	800 00
from Elmer C. Carter, by order of	
court, and cost of prosecution,	261 95
Money in hands of the Treasurer,	626 89
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\$185 09

Amount of town debt, March 1, 1882,	5,528 62
Amount of town debt, March 1, 1883,	\$4,609 91
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Decrease of town debt,	\$918 71

MOSES J. FRENCH, Treasurer.

KINGSTON, March 2, 1883.

We, the undersigned, have examined the foregoing accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer for 1882, and find them correctly cast and proper vouchers for the same.

A. C. CHASE,
STEPHEN F. NICHOLS, } Auditors.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1883.

DISTRICT No. 1.

Prudential Committee :—S. O. HARRIS.

Teacher :—E. L. DRAKE.

This school, though the smallest in the town in numerical strength, made for itself a good record throughout the year. Although the teacher was inexperienced at the outset, yet she displayed on trial aptitude for her work, fidelity, perseverance, and a praiseworthy desire to win the esteem and confidence of her pupils. A great need of this district is improved seats in the school room. Benches which are expected to hold three or more scholars at one common desk are an emphatic mistake.

The following pupils deserve mention as having been neither absent nor tardy in attendance, during the time set against their respected names :

For the entire year : Mary A. York, Robert M. French.
For one term : Mary E. Norfolk, Annie O. Burnsville, Pearl French, Annie M. French, Kate S. Gray, Mabel Hilliard, Emma Hilliard, Grace Sanborn, Marion Sanborn, George Whipple, John White. Total of names, 13.

DISTRICT No. 2.

Prudential Committee :—FRANCIS C. BARTLETT.

Teacher :—CARRIE F. MARSHALL, First Term : ABBIE A. PEASE, Second and Third Terms.

This is the largest school in town, and in some respects the most difficult and laborious for the teacher to manage. The school is hardly large enough to be formed into two departments with two teachers, while the actual labor of two teachers would be required if justice were done to the scholars, and sufficient time given to each of the numerous classes. As a partial offset to this disadvantage, however, it must be said that the district has been very generous in its fitting up of the schoolhouse, especially in the seating arrangement, which consists of a separate desk for each scholar. All things considered, it is the best schoolhouse in town. The disadvantages under which the school labors taken into consideration, as in simple justice they should be, your committee would make special mention of the really fine work which was done here both by the teachers and by many of the scholars. Miss Marshall brought to the task superior educational qualifications, an intimate knowledge of the needs of the district, and a disposition not to shirk the onerous duties of her position. Miss Pease also proved a superior teacher. Special mention should be made of the closing examination of the last term of this school as one which reflected great credit both upon teacher and scholars.

List of scholars neither absent nor tardy for one term : Clara E. Bartlett, Mary J. Severance. Total 2.

DISTRICT No. 3.

Prudential Committee :—JOHN W. PRESCOTT.

Teacher :—LILLA B. DEARBORN, First and Second Terms ;
EMMA L. NELSON, Third Term.

If but little need be said in reference to the first two terms of this school it is because of its superior merit. A good schoolhouse, good teacher, good scholars, and not too many

of them, are a triad of advantages which can lead to but one result—success. The school, also, leads the town in number of weeks it was in session, though district No. 2 is a very close rival to it in this respect. It is a pity that the school year in all the districts was not at least 38 weeks, with vacations properly interspersed between the several terms.

Of the last term of this school, taught by Miss Nelson, your committee cannot speak from personal observation, as he was unavoidably absent from town throughout the entire session. It is spoken of, however, by those competent to judge, as successful.

List of scholars neither absent nor tardy, for the school-year: Cora M. Webster. For two terms: Gertrude W. Rogers, Clifton W. Nichols. For one term: Edna F. West, Mamie A. Colcord, Emily J. Goodrich, Emma F. Prescott, S. Evia Pierce, Alice Nichols, Stephen Nichols, Albert Nichols, Willie Oakes, Leverett C. Downing, Fred L. Prescott. Total of names, 14.

DISTRICT No. 4.

This district is under the supervision of the School Committee of Newton.

DISTRICT No. 5.

Prudential Committee:—A. K. DAVIS.

Teacher:—ELLA E. WEBSTER, First Term; HELEN M. WEBSTER, Second Term.

This school suffers by the shortness of the time it is kept in session, amounting this year, to less than 17 weeks. Now this is a special misfortune to the scholars of this district, as much of a succeeding term must be passed in learning over again what has been forgotten in the long vacation since the school last kept. It seems, indeed, almost a special injustice to this school, as your committee can cheerfully testify to the exceptional degree of loyalty displayed by the scholars to their teacher and the good use to which

they put their limited opportunities. The long list of scholars who have neither been absent nor tardy the present year, tells its own story. The school was fortunate in both its teachers, and substantial and conscientious work was done. Their fidelity in one respect, at least, deserves special mention—the patient willingness which they displayed to conduct reviews of prior terms' work, without which no progress could have been made. Your committee cannot help expressing a regret, however, that a school so willing and eager as this one is to improve its advantages could not have better advantages to improve.

The following scholars were neither absent nor tardy for the time set against their respective names :

For the entire school-year : Effie E. Kimball, Willie D. Kimball, Arabella Nason, Neva M. Mason, Stella A. Page, Nathan A. West. Total, 6. For one term : Susie A. Nason, Gertie M. Page, Effie B. Page, Minnie G. Severance, Charles E. Carter, John D. Goodwin, Daniel Swett, Frank A. J. Avery, Larander J. Davis, Willie Mason. Total of names, 16.

DISTRICT No. 6.

Prudential Committee : JOHN BARRETT.

Teacher : SUSIE M. CLIFFORD.

This is another of the town schools of which it is a pleasure to speak. The school was fortunate in its teacher and almost equally so in the character of its scholars. Like district No. 5, its record of punctual attendance speaks for itself. Good work was done in all the branches taught. A very pleasant feature in this school was the kindly relations existing between the teacher and the scholars. Miss Clifford, while a very efficient teacher, has also a rare faculty at winning the esteem and good will of her pupils.

The following scholars were neither absent nor tardy for the time set against their respective names : For the entire school-year : Amy J. Bartlett, Lizzie E. Bartlett, Nellie A.

Collins, Florence B. Kelly, Georgianna M. Kelley, Annie E. Whittier, Henry P. Collins. Total, 7. For one term: Eva J. Dollivar, Lila Hunt, Gertie M. Whittier, Lizzie Whittier, Nellie M. Kelly, Fannie Whittier, Mamie G. Collins, Laura A. Collins, Charles S. Collins, Elmer A. Collins, John B. Stevens, Walter Whittier. Total of names, 19.

Your committee in closing his report would also make mention of the faithful and conscientious manner in which the Prudential Committee of the several districts did their duty in selecting competent teachers for the various schools which they were chosen to represent. He would also add as a fact worthy of consideration, that in the three instances where home talent was employed in the public schools, the fact that the teacher was a resident of the district or an adjoining one, proved to the advantage, not the disadvantage of the school.

Appended will be found the usual table of statistics.

EDWARD A. HORTON.

Kingston, March 1, 1883.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

District.	TEACHERS.	Term.	Length in weeks.	Amount of Money.	No. of Scholars.	Average attendance.	Wages per month.
No. 1....	E. L. Drake.....	First.	12	\$134.33	26	22	\$20
	E. L. Drake.....	Second.	12		26	22	\$20
No. 2....	Carrie F. Marshall.....	First.	10	\$245.62	43	33	\$32
	Abbie A. Pease.....	Second.	11		39	30	\$32
	Abbie A. Pease.....	Third.	7		19	11	\$32
No. 3....	Lilla B. Dearborn.....	First.	13	\$201.66	32	28	\$26
	Lilla B. Dearborn.....	Second.	12		35	32	\$30
	Emma L. Nelson.....	Third.	5		12	10	\$26
No. 4....	Part of Newton....			\$36.43			
No. 5....	Ella E. Webster.....	First.	8	\$119.39	36	32	\$30
	Helen M. Webster.....	Second.	8.6		36	33	\$26
No. 6....	Susie E. Clifford.....	First.	8.8	\$167.39	32	30	\$30
	Susie E. Clifford.....	Second.	13.6		29	25	\$30